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SUMMARY: OPIC AUTHORIZES MOHAMOUD SHEIKH AHMED A) TO CERTIFY PAYMENT OF TERMINATION BENEFITS DUE WORKERS AND MOHAMOUD ALI LIBAN AND B) TO HAVE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ABOVE BENEFITS DEDUCTED FROM COMPENSATION OWED TO OPICBY GSDR. SHEIKH AHMED NOT RPT NOT AUTHORIZED TO CERTIFY PAYMENT OF VACATION BENEFITS TO LIBAN. END SUMMARY.

1. OPIC AUTHORIZES SHEIKH AHMED TO CERTIFY TERMINATION BENEFITS PROVIDED THAT THESE SUMS ARE TO BE DEDUCTED FROM 300,000 SHILLINGS OWED OPIC ON ACCOUNT OF NATIONALIZATION OF BUNKERING FACILITY. OPIC IS NOT PREPARED TO PAY ADDITIONAL MONEY OF ITS OWN AND CONTINUE TO AWAIT FINAL COMPENSATION PAYMENT BY GSDR.

2. IN HOPES THAT COMPENSATION WILL BE HASTENED OPIC  
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AUTHORIZES SHEIKH AHMED TO CERTIFY PAYMENT OF TERMINATION

BENEFITS DUE WORKERS OF NOT MORE THAN THIRTY THOUSAND (30,000) SHILLINGS AND ONE YEAR TERMINATION BENEFITS DUE LIBAN OF NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHT (26,508) SHILLINGS. (REFTEL PARA. 2 & 3).

3. AUTHORIZATION TO CERTIFY PAYMENT OF TERMINATION BENEFITS TO LIBAN BASED ON ORAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LIBAN AND JACK HOEVELER TO WORK FOR OPIC UNDER SAME ARRANGEMENT AS WITH FEARN AS STATED REFTEL, PARA. 7. HOEVELER.DID NOT RPT NOT RECEIVE LETTER FROM LIBAN REFERRED TO REFTEL.

4. AHMED MAY AUTHORIZE DEDUCTION FROM 300,000 SHILLINGS COMPENSATION PAYMENT DUE OPIC TOTAL TERMINATION BENEFITS TO BE PAID TO WORKERS AND LIBAN AS STATED PARA. 1 ABOVE.

5. AHMED NOT RPT NOT AUTHORIZED TO CERTIFY PAYMENT OF 8,730 SHILLINGS AS VACATION BENEFITS TO LIBAN. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH OPIC ATTORNEY, SENSENEY OF FEARN CONFIRMED LIBAN RECEIVED U.S. DOLLARS 2283.24 FROM FEARN IN SEPT. 1973 AS FULL AND FINAL PAYMENT OF ALL RPT ALL LIBAN'S CLAIMS AGAINST FEARN INCLUDING VACATION BENEFITS. COPIES OF DOCUMENTS EVIDENCING THIS PAYMENT POUCHED ON JANUARY 9, 1974 BY CARYL COLE TO EMBASSY TO BE PASSED TO SHEIKH AHMED. SEE STATE 019735 OF JAN. 30, 1974.

6. OPIC WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY EVIDENCE SUPPORTING STATEMENT BY SHEIKH AHMED THAT "TERMINATION BENEFITS PAID BY FEARN DID NOT INCLUDE CUSTOMARY LEAVE PAY." (REFTEL PARA. 4).

7. OPIC NOTES THAT LIBAN'S CLAIM OF 8,730 SHILLINGS AS VACATION BENEFITS MORE THAN EQUAL ONE-HALF HIS ANNUAL SALARY FROM PRODMA OF 16,000 SHILLINGS. THIS SEEMS CLEARLY EXCESSIVE. BASED ON DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE POUCHED TO SHEIKH AHMED BY COLE AND OPIC WILLINGNESS TO PAY TERMINATION BENEFITS, IT WOULD SEEM LIBAN SHOULD BE WILLING TO GIVE UP CLAIM FOR VACATION BENEFITS.

8. OPIC WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF EMBASSY AND SHEIKH AHMED CONCERNING EFFECT DENIAL OF LIBAN'S CLAIM FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VACATION BENEFITS MAY HAVE ON PROMPT PAYMENT OF 300,000 SHILLINGS TO OPIC. KISSINGER

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